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MARRIAGES.

On July 4th, at H.M.K. Consulate-General,
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Cathedral, Thomas BENNETT and Alice ALDRIDGE,
of Kensington, London, to DOROTHY CLARE FRASER,
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 13TH, 1908.

A MATTER of great interest to Hongkong is the revived report of the intention of the Chinese Government to join the Postal Union and to take over the foreign Post Offices in China. This would, of course, include the various British postal agencies of the Hongkong Post Office. Similar reports have been circulated and published before, but now it is categorically, though unofficially, announced that the Peking Government intends to take over the different foreign Post Offices in China together with their staffs of employees, foreign as well as Chinese. The Head Office is to be in Peking. It is further stated that the telegraph system is to be amalgamated with the post office system, as in England, and the work of both departments will be conducted in the same offices. There will be a special printing establishment for the manufacture of stamps, and a postal school is to be established in Peking for the training of Chinese for the service. Finally the report states that negotiations between the Chinese Government and the Foreign Ministers in Peking are in progress at the present time respecting this scheme. Our Tientsin correspondent, however, as

the result of inquiries, informs us that the latter statement is without foundation. Possibly, he says, the Chinese Government may be intending to make the Powers interested a proposition on the subject, but this has not been done yet. If it were done, it is not likely that all the Powers would agree; indeed it is pretty certain that several of them would not.

Sooner or later, however, we are bound to hear more of this matter. It is one of the plants in the programme of the "Chinese Rights Recovery Party" in the capital. What, they argue, would be said in England, if the French, German, Russian, Belgian, Japanese and Chinese residents there proposed that their Governments should establish Post Offices in the principal English ports? No doubt a great deal would be said in England on the subject; but at present no analogy can be drawn between the two countries in this matter. When China is able to prove to the satisfaction of the Powers that she possesses an efficient postal administration, competent to deal satisfactorily with the foreign mails, it is unlikely that she will have much difficulty in inducing the Powers to close their establishments. Very few of them pay their way. The Chinese Government is doubtless aware that Great Britain and France formerly maintained their own post offices in the principal treaty ports of Japan. In 1871 Japan based her postal service on the Western model, and three years later joined the International Postal Union. By 1879 the service has been brought to such a state of efficiency that Great Britain consented to close the British Post Offices at Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki, and France followed that example a year later. We learn that among prominent officials in Peking the opinion prevails that it is of no use China joining the Postal Union until the foreign Post Offices have been abolished. That was not the attitude of Japan. She joined the Union while foreign post offices were functioning in her principal ports, and these served a useful purpose in furnishing examples and competition of a stimulating character for the native establishments. When Sir Robert Hart at the banquet given by the China Association in London in his honour, expressed his confidence that the coming years would show that China has been storing her energy to meet the new environment, the wonderful progress which is steadily being made with the organisation of the Chinese imperial postal administration might well have occupied a prominent place in his thoughts. There are now something like 600 head and branch offices and upwards of 2,000 postal agencies established throughout the empire, and an enormous amount of mail matter, both letters and parcels, is dealt with. As the efficiency of the service is increasingly demonstrated we can quite understand that the continued existence of the foreign post offices will be viewed more and more by the Rights Recovery Party as merely serving to keep raw a patch of irritation in the national self-consciousness of the Chinese people; but we fear the time has not yet arrived when those offices can be closed without injury to the interests of the foreign communities they serve.

Saturday's plague return contained only two cases.

An enjoyable dance took place at the Peak Club on Saturday.

The French Mail of the 9th June was delivered in London on the 10th inst.

The current Gazette contains the revised rules governing the importation of arms and ammunition in China.

Receipts into the Treasury from January 1st to April 30th totalled \$6,997,133.10. Payments out during the same period were \$7,160,285.72. Payments therefore exceeded the receipts by \$163,152.62.

At the Magistracy on Saturday Harry Griffiths, engineer on board the s.s. "Devonia," was fined \$3 and ordered to pay compensation for having been disorderly and with refusing to pay richa hire.

Four warships flying the flag of the White Elephant arrived in port on Saturday. There was one destroyer and three torpedo boats which were recently built in Japan for the Siamese Navy. They sail for Bangkok to-morrow.

The crew of the launch "Kam" who were rescued after being in the water for several hours, are now in the hospital. They were rescued by the "Plover" and presented with medals by the Registrar General at the Tung Wah Hospital next Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. The coxswain will receive a gold medal and \$50 in money and the members of the crew will each receive a silver medal and \$25 in money. The medals have on the one side an appropriate inscription setting forth the fact that their service in saving people from drowning were very great, and the other side bears the words "8th June, 1908 presented by the directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, the committee of Polynesian and the leading Chinese."

The Colonial Treasurer's statement of the Colony's assets and liabilities on April 30th shows the balance of assets over liabilities to be \$1,447,816.01. The liabilities are placed at \$2,069,322.93, and the assets at \$3,517,138.96.

On Saturday Miss Hadden, of the Hongkong Nursing Institute was married at St. John's Cathedral to Mr. B. L. Frost of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co's service. Dr. Steadman gave the bride away. Miss Harrison acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Brayfield as best man.

It is notified in our advertisement column that Mr. C. E. Owen, proprietor of the Kowloon Hotel, has admitted Mr. P. E. Fred Stone into partnership with him, and that the business of the hotel will, as from the 1st inst., be carried on under the name of Messrs. Owen, Stone & Co.

An extract of meteorological observations made at the Hongkong Observatory during the month of June shows the average maximum temperature to have been 83.6 degrees, and the minimum 77.2 degrees. The rainfall for the month was 15.245 inches and we had 147.8 hours of sunshine.

During the voyage of the *Prins Luwig* from Hongkong to Shanghai, an Australian passenger named Fraser died, and was buried at sea, the funeral service being read by Captain Brown, of Hongkong. The deceased had been prospecting in Northern Australia and was travelling to Japan on account of ill-health.

The appointment of Mr. C. M. Messer as head of the Sanitary Department, and of Mr. A. Gibson as acting secretary of the Sanitary Board, are notified in the *Gazette*. His Excellency the Governor has also been pleased to appoint Mr. S. B. C. Ross to be Assistant Land Officer for the northern district of the New Territories.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—Ordinance No. 4 of 1908, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Emigration Ordinance, 1889; Ordinance No. 5 of 1908, entitled—An Ordinance to authorize the making of By-laws by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited.

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Before the Hon. Commander Bail R. H. Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court on Saturday morning, Sergeant Sutton prosecuted the master of a fishing junk for unlawfully failing to carry a matchless light between sunset and sunrise. Defendant pleaded that his matchless light was broken. He was fined \$5 or 14 days imprisonment. For anchoring within the limits of the central fairway a boatwoman was fined \$2, the alternative being a week's imprisonment.

The Imperial Commissioners in charge of the prohibition of opium-smoking among official classes in Peking and the provinces have found out, says the *N.C. Daily News*, that there are no less than twenty-seven Metropolitan officials smoking *sub rosa*. It is stated that, when the limit of three months (from May 1st 1905) granted by the Throne has expired, these officials are found to be still unable to break off their proclivities. They shall be denounced to the Throne for punishment.

There was a pleasant ceremony at St. Joseph's College last week-end when the pupils assembled to bid adieu to Brother Stephen, one of the teaching staff who left for home on holiday by the English mail. His Lordship Bishop Ponsonby presided, and after the departing pedagoge had been presented with an illuminated address, two handsome silver pens and a silver inkstand Mr. A. R. Ellis addressed the meeting on his sterling qualities. The teacher was then escorted to the s.s. *Malta* by his pupils, and as the steamer cast off three ringing cheers were raised by the boys to Brother Stephen.

BRAZILIAN CRUISER IN PORT.

On Friday the Brazilian cruiser "Benjamin Constant," a training ship carrying a number of cadets who are in training for service in the Brazilian Navy, arrived in port. The cruiser, which is on a voyage round the world, left Rio de Janeiro on January 22nd, and has since visited Monte Video, Punta Arenas, Callao, Honolulu, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Sasebo and Shanghai. On Saturday Senior J. J. Leiria, Consul for Brazil, boarded the cruiser, and shortly after noon he was accompanied by the Commander on a visit to His Excellency the Governor. An official call was then made on Major-General Broadwood, the General Officer Commanding. In the afternoon the captain and other officers of the vessel were taken to the Gymkhana by Consul Leiria, and after a few races had been run they left for Kowloon in order to be present when His Excellency the Governor performed the opening ceremony in connection with the new pavilion for the Kowloon Cricket Club. The Captain and officers of the "Benjamin Constant" dined with Mr. Leiria at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night, and after dinner paid a visit to the Flood Fund Bazaar at Shektonai.

TELEGRAMS.

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INTER-COLLEGE CRICKET.

LONDON, July 12th.
In the inter-college cricket match Harrow made 210 in the first innings and 14 runs for no wickets in the second, while Eton made 74 runs in the first and 152 in the second innings. Harrow thus wins by ten wickets.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

MOROCCO.

LONDON, July 9th.
The Budget Committee of the French Chamber state that the expenditure in Morocco threatens to entail a deficit of ninety-six millions of francs.

PERSIA.

LONDON, July 9th.
Sir Edward Grey in the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Lonsdale, said that an apology for the disrespect shown to the British Legation at Teheran had been demanded of the Persian government, and he understood it would be forthcoming, but until satisfactorily made, the incident cannot be regarded as closed. St. Petersburg wires that telegrams received from Teheran report the situation in the town as worse owing to the scarcity of bread. The bazaars are closed, and crowds are thronging the mosques, agitating against the government.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

LONDON, July 10th.
The Old Age Pensions Bill has passed its third reading in the House of Commons, by 315 votes to 10.
Many unionists voted with the majority. Mr. Balfour and Sir A. Asquith Hood abstained from voting.

THE U. S. PRESIDENCY.

LONDON, July 10th.
The Democratic Convention held at Denver has nominated Mr. Bryan for the Presidency of the United States by an overwhelming majority. His platform favours the reduction of import duties, the free-listing of articles competing with trust controlled products, material reductions in the duties on necessities of life, and full protection for foreigners' residents in America under treaty rights. It opposes, however, the admission of Asiatics, whose presence raises the race issue and entails controversies with Oriental powers.

THE ALL RED ROUTE.

LONDON, July 10th.
The Canadian House of Commons has carried by 109 votes to 47 the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in favour of an All Red Route.

OPIUM RESTRICTION.

In a leading article on this subject, the *N.C. Daily News* remarks:—It is natural that the members of foreign anti-opium leagues should feel well pleased with the recent progress of events in the matter of opium reform in China, and half the story now being taken to suppress the drug as its virtual elimination. Public opinion, it is true, has been aroused in this country and good preliminary work has been achieved. But in this connection it is well to consider carefully the remarkable document recently made public in Hongkong. In an elaborate analysis of all available opium statistics Mr. O. Clementi, Assistant Colonial Secretary, contrives to show that after "a most liberal and over-excessive allowance for smuggling and for such persons as may consume less than 1 lb. 0.2 per diem, opium smokers are only two per cent. of the population." The purport of Mr. Clementi's deductions is not to champion opium smoking, but to introduce some cold facts into the heated atmosphere that surrounds the discussion of the subject in most quarters. To apply his conclusion in our present context, it may be pointed out that if all the statements so freely circulated about the hold of opium upon China can be proved to be based on the addition of only two per cent. of the population to the drug, it becomes very necessary to avoid misconceptions regarding the efficacy of the reform movement. Those who wish to achieve practical results must bear in mind that they have to reach a small two per cent. of the people and must not be led away by the shouting of the remaining ninety-eight per cent. The latter have acclaimed the closing of public dykes but by this action they have covered only an infinitesimal portion of the way to the complete eradication of opium from China, and it would be a matter for regret to see the movement flag from erroneous impressions of the headway already made. If we are satisfied that the ninety-eight per cent have hitherto enjoyed the country into the belief that the whole of China has lain under the opium curse, we must be careful that they are not equally at fault, when they would affirm that the evil has been eradicated.

Mr. A. M. A. Evans in the course of a reply to this article says:—The statistics prepared by Mr. Clementi read like an Opium Farmer inspired article to assist those who for years, over half a century, have been amassing wealth from the misery of China. When opium was an open article of commerce Great Britain told China, in an ironical way, that she must buy from her, China approving (?) of ironical ways succeeded and bought. Now that China declares opium not to be an article of commerce, and you without irony, Great Britain ought to say O. K. and stop supplying China if sincere in her endeavour to rid her country of the great and growing evil, and ought to receive the cordial support of all civilised nations.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

The formal opening of the new club house of the Kowloon Cricket Club took place on Saturday afternoon in brilliant sunshine and in presence of a large gathering. The ceremony should have taken place on June 6th but it suffered nothing by reason of the delay and the cinder track laid down has also been completed. H. E. the Governor was present and performed the opening ceremony, which was followed by an inter-club tennis match. Music by the 105th Mahratta band added to the pleasures of the afternoon, and the hospitality dispensed by the club was appreciated.

As is well known, the club has been for a long time without a suitable habitation. Though it is one of the youngest organisations in the Colony, its progress has been as remarkable as the growth of Kowloon itself, and as one of the premier clubs of Hongkong it certainly deserved a proper pavilion. This the members recognised, but difficulties confronted them for a long time. Happily these were overcome and the present handsome structure was erected on a site near the entrance. Built of wood, with a rubberoid roof, the pavilion has a length of 50 feet and a breadth of 40 feet. There are a large dressing room equipped with lockers, a bath room, a ladies' room, a spacious bar, and committee and store rooms. A wide verandah runs along the front of the building which was built from plans prepared by Mr. E. M. Haselwood.

The officials of the Club are:—Patron, H. E. Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G.; President, Mr. H. N. Mody, Chairman, Mr. H. T. Richardson; General Committee, Messrs. C. E. Libenau, J. H. Mead, W. Stewart, J. C. Leland, H. E. Goldsmith, S. Smith, J. P. Robinson, J. H. Menagh and D. Harvey; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. P. Shroff, and Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Chae.

His Excellency was received by the officials and members of the committee, and Mr. H. N. Mody said:—Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the committee and members of the Kowloon Cricket Club as its President, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here to-day, and I am sure we all regret that absence from the Colony prevents Lady Lugard from accompanying you as she did on the last occasion when you visited us. We trust that the day of her return to Hongkong completely recovered in health is not far distant. Since your Excellency's last visit on New Year's day you will notice that great advances in the interest of sport have been made on this ground. The Amateur Athletic Association have now completed a splendid running track, the finest, if not the only track in the Far East, and the fine Club House which I shall directly ask you to formally open has been finished. We acknowledge with grateful thanks the generosity of the Government in placing at our disposal a ground which lends itself admirably to sports. Exercises and recreation are necessary to us all and I am sure that now, as can these be better obtained than in this most excellent ground, and I am glad to be able to tell you that its opportunities are being fully taken advantage of by our members. That Kowloon has a great commercial future cannot be doubted, and that it should also have a great future and take a leading place in the sports of this Colony is our ardent wish. I have to thank your Excellency for so kindly coming over here to-day, especially as the original date for this ceremony had on account of bad weather to be postponed—and your coming here to-day may have been at the cost of some other more important engagement. I can only assure you that we appreciate your kindness in doing so very highly, showing as it does the very keen interest you take in the sports of the Colony. I have now the great pleasure to present you with this key (at the same time handing His Excellency a silver key) and ask you, Sir, to open our new Club House. (Applause.)

His Excellency said:—Mr. Mody, Ladies and Gentlemen, before I proceed to open this Club House with the key which I have just been presented by your President, I would like to say a few words. We all know that wherever a British Colony is started, the first thing the Colonists do is to get a racecourse, polo ground and cricket ground. I know that from my own experience in Africa. My officers were content to live in tents and grass huts, through whose roofs the rain found its way, while busily planning for polo and cricket ground, and since it is the tradition of our race to put sport—i.e. I will not say before anything else—but before anything which is not absolutely necessary, I am glad to see that this tradition is being maintained here in Kowloon. It is the same thing on active service, as I have also seen. Where a British force camps for a few days or weeks, a cricket ground or polo ground springs into existence, as if by magic. I remember when I was a young soldier about thirty years ago—I am sorry to say that it is a long time ago—when I was on active service in Afghanistan, we sometimes had to march with a very light kit indeed, with only bare necessities and everything that was not light was thrown out; yet every day when we camped the men were very fond of putting a 20lb. weight (laughter). We never found out to the day that we left the country how that 20lb. shot was brought from camp to camp. Your President has alluded to the last time I was here. That was on New Year's Day when I witnessed the Children's Sports and I think that it is a most sporting and most generous thing of this Club to have that institution of Children's Sports each year. I was delighted to hear that you are going to make them an annual institution, and I know that the idea has received the very special interest and generous liberality of your President (applause). I see two extraordinary changes on the ground since I was here before—the admirable cinder track and this delightful pavilion. I hope that you will see from this

platform many sporting contests carried out in a sporting spirit, not for the sake of a Cup but for the sake of sport—run well and finished well. (Applause.) I have to thank you, Sir, for the kind allusion you have made to Lady Lugard, who would have been delighted to have been here this afternoon; but she was compelled to go to England under medical advice and I hope that she will be back again early in November. I hope to see her back again in time for the Children's Sports next year (applause). I have now much pleasure in opening the door. (Applause.)

His Excellency then placed the key in the lock, and turning it said:—I declare this pavilion open, ladies and gentlemen (applause). His Excellency afterwards undid the tape, and with this ceremony the cinder track was declared opened.

In the subsequent match between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club the home players after leading the greater part of the contest were beaten by their opponents.

The results were:—Hancock-Carr (Hongkong) v. Lapaley-Brewer 7-5; v. Kilmanock-Clelland, 5-7; v. Fowler-Edwards, 11-1; 23 games to 13. Murray-Hastings (Hongkong) v. Kilmanock-Clelland, 9-3; v. Fowler-Edwards, 6-3; Lapaley-Brewer, 10-2; 23 games to 11. Wodehouse-King (Hongkong) v. Fowler-Edwards, 5-7; v. Brewer-Lapaley, 2-10; v. Kilmanock-Clelland, 4-3; 11 games to 25. Hongkong, 59 games; Kowloon, 43 games.

FLOOD FUND BAZAAR.

The first two days' proceeds amount to between \$20,000 and \$22,000.

These figures must be regarded as satisfactory. They indicate that the first effort of the Chinese to undertake a bazaar on western lines has been extremely successful. This could not have been achieved had the community not been in sympathy with the movement, and to understand something of the popularity of the enterprise one has only to visit the place and see the hundreds which congregated there at all hours. Thousands of people must have visited the bazaar on Friday and Saturday—among them a large number of Europeans—and yesterday there was no falling off in the attendance. The Chinese ladies like their experience as stall-holders. At first they were a trifle shy and hesitated to approach visitors, especially gentlemen, in order to induce them to buy, but that feeling is wearing off and they are now discharging their self-imposed duties in a manner that is creditable to themselves. Having regard to Chinese customs the innovation has proved very successful. There has been no attempt on the part of an ignorant section to make things unpleasant for the ladies who are working very hard indeed.

The general arrangements of the bazaar leave little to be desired and the police have not been called upon to interfere inside. Smoking has been prohibited and the dangers which it occasioned have been removed. The lighting of the bazaar at night is very good, and in a word everything is as it should be.

A considerable quantity of goods has been disposed of, but the most notable sales have been at the stalls where the exhibits of needlework and embroidery by the girls of the Italian Convent, French Convent, Polungkut Girls School, Balliol Girls School, Miss Eyre's School, and the On Wei School, were exhibited. These stalls have been practically cleared, good prices being realised.

The tramway service has done well during the three days.

It has been found that to run the bazaar for twelve hours was too great a tax on those engaged in the work, and instead of remaining open till 2 a.m. it will close at 11 p.m. from to-day.

The performances in the theatre have drawn good houses and about \$500 have been raised from this source.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 13th July, or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 13th July, at 3 P.M.

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F. NALIN
Acting Agent,
Hongkong, 6th July, 1908. 2

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst. at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 6th July, 1908. 4

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst. at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

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No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

F. J. ABBOTT,
Acting Superintendent,
Hongkong, 9th July, 1908. 1

NIPPON YUSEN KAISEI.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 16th July, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

From the report of the Inspector of Schools for the year 1907 we make the following extracts:—The revenue collected by the Department amounts to \$18,780.50 an increase of \$4,000 on last year's figures. The District Schools are again the chief contributors, Saiyingpun School alone showing an increase of \$2,500. The Bellios Public School, which showed a decrease in fees last year, has now exceeded the 1907 total by over \$100. The fees at the English Schools and the Lower Grade Anglo-Chinese Schools have with one exception decreased. The expenditure on Education including Queen's College was \$184,028.00 or 3.13 per cent. of the total expenditure of the Colony. The number of Government and Grant Schools in the Colony in the year under review is 79 as compared with 85 in 1906. The decrease is accounted for by the closing of 4 inefficient Vernacular Grant Schools by the Government, i.e., Nos. 16, 35, 47 and 71 and the voluntary closing of 3 schools, the Cathedral School, No. 10, and the Sacred Heart School, No. 23 by the Roman Catholic Mission. The Catholic School pupils now form the greater portion of the Chinese division at St. Joseph's College. The average attendance was 5,924 as against 5,429; a substantial increase in both Government and Grant Schools. The Berlin Foundling House No. 17 and the Training Home for Girls No. 20 are again Upper Grade Schools. The Anglo-Indian (Government) School remains in the lower grade as before.

There is an upward trend in the numbers under instruction in the Colony. At the Government and Grant English Schools the attendance has risen from 3,359 to 3,569 and at the Vernacular Schools from 2,146 in 1906 to 2,355. The private English Schools show an increase of 507 pupils and the private Vernacular Schools an increase of 441. At all the Vernacular Private Schools modern text books compiled on the lines of the Japanese school books are now being used. The pupils attending private English day schools have increased by 88; those attending night schools have increased from 494 to 828, almost double last year's number. There are now 32 night schools as compared with 26 in 1906. The average attendance of pupils in Government Schools (excluding Queen's College) is 1,153 this year as compared with 927 in 1906. There are 716 boys and 392 girls in attendance at Government Schools and of these 1,036 are in the upper-grade schools and 117 in the lower grade. The upper grade shows an increase of 33 per cent. over last year and the lower grade a decrease of 22 per cent. The cost of each pupil to Government during the past year ranges from \$6.68 at the Bellios Public School, Vernacular Side, to \$126.32 at the Upper Grade School at Victoria British School. The average cost to Government of the 3 District Schools is \$18.70 as compared with \$30.81 at Queen's College. The proportionately larger cost of each pupil at Government School is accounted for by the fact that there are two European masters at that school as against one at Saiyingpun.

Kowloon British School.—The average attendance dropped from 55 in 1906 to 47 this year, chiefly through the withdrawal of a number of children, whose fathers belong to the military establishment, on the opening of the New Garrison English School in June last. The fees also decreased from \$2,101.50 in 1906 to \$1,499.00 for the same reason. The maximum enrolment however exceeded that of the previous year by 10. The withdrawal of several children whose parents were returning to England assisted in still further reducing the numbers. At Victoria School the average attendance remains at the same figure (44) as in 1906 in spite of a somewhat longer vacation in the summer. The attendance has always been a poor in the hot months that it was considered advisable to increase the summer holidays this year from 6 weeks to 2 months and to curtail the Christmas holidays proportionately. The new plan seems to work well and the school has not lost in efficiency though its enrolment. There is marked increase in the average attendance for the year at the Bellios Public School, Anglo-Chinese Side. The figures are 168 as compared with 82 in 1906. The fees have also increased by \$100. The increase in numbers is chiefly due to the larger attendance of Non-Chinese girls.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS, UPPER GRADE.—The attendance at Saiyingpun and Wanai District Schools rose during the year to over 200. The average attendance at Yauwai School also shows a slight increase. There was a marked increase in the number of boys admitted to the District School on failing to pass the entrance examination to Queen's College. The number of boys who obtained admittance to Queen's College from the upper forms of the three District Schools was 29, a substantial increase on former years and one which tends to show that the linking up of the schools in Hongkong is gradually becoming an accomplished fact. The total number admitted is still very small as compared with the total number of scholars at Queen's College; it is however likely to become an important factor when these schools reach their maximum of 400 pupils each, with a proportionate number in Class IV, the highest class at the District Schools. In addition to the 29 boys already mentioned 4 free scholars selected by competitive examination among the 3 schools were also admitted to Queen's College.

An extraordinary increase in the number of pupils at Saiyingpun Anglo-Chinese School, has taken place during the past year and the average attendance has risen from 94 in 1906 to the large total of 304. In spite of this enormous increase in number and the inadequacy of the staff in the early part of the year the efficiency of the school work has been well maintained throughout the year. The large increase in numbers has necessitated the addition of a new storey to the school building. This work is now well in hand and the school has been temporarily removed to another locality owing to lack of suitable accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood. The attendance shows no signs of falling off at present on this account. When the new storey is completed the building will accommodate 400 boys. The work should be finished by August. The Yauwai Anglo-Chinese School has been practically full the whole year and though the average attendance shows but a slight increase, the maximum enrolment has gone up considerably. The average attendance was 171 in 1906. It is now 155. Satisfactory progress has been made by the pupils in their studies during the year and the school has been able to accept a large number of admissions from the District Schools for admission to Queen's College speaks well for the work of the staff. The average attendance at Wanai Anglo-Chinese School which was 140 in 1906 is now 210, and the numbers may be expected to rise still further when the two new school-rooms which are now being added are completed. A portion of the increase will be due to the absorption of Tanglungshan School but the majority of the new comers will be all probability boys who have been refused admission owing to lack of accommodation.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS, LOWER GRADE.—Excluding the Vernacular School (i.e., the Bellios Public School, Chinese Side) and Tai Po School there has been a decrease in the average attendance. In the case of the Upper

the falling off has been so marked that it has been decided to close the school. It is curious that in some of the outlying districts where Government Schools exist the people fail to appreciate the advantages to be derived from them, whereas in others they are clamouring for new schools and are even prepared to offer school-halls as school premises. It is proposed to open a new Anglo-Chinese School at Shaukiwan. There are at present no English Schools in this district which is increasing in population year by year and which is in close touch with the City of Victoria. It is anticipated that the attendance will repay the Government for the outlay incurred in opening the school. There are five Anglo-Chinese Schools of the Lower Grade of these schools—Tanglungshan which is closely connected with Wanai School, Aberdeen on the south side of the island and Tai Po, Ping Shan and Uen Long in the New Territory. The average attendance has decreased everywhere except at Tai Po and the popularity of these schools which was never very great shows no signs of increasing. At Uen Long School to which reference has already been made the average attendance for the year was only 10 and the cost to the Government per pupil was \$128.32. Uen Long and Ping Shan Schools are within a mile and a half of each other, it is therefore just possible that the attendance at Ping Shan will improve now that Uen Long School is to be closed. Tai Po is increasing in population owing to its proximity to the new Kowloon-Canton Railway. The attendance has slightly improved and will probably continue to do so year by year.

VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.—The Bellios Public School, Chinese Side.—This Girls school which is the only Vernacular Government School in the Colony is very rapidly increasing in numbers. This year the average attendance has risen from 187 to 237 but the main idea that it should be a feeder for the English Division appears to be lost sight of by the parents. Their one object is to give their children a good Vernacular education and then to withdraw them and make them useful in their homes rather than to allow them to continue their education and learn English. The latter study parents apparently consider a waste of time and money.

English Schools (Non-Chinese).—There are 10 schools with a total average attendance of 1,059. The three largest schools are the Diocesan School for Boys, the Italian Convent and St. Joseph's College. Since the closing of the Cathedral School the latter now contains also a Chinese division. The numbers at St. Joseph's have increased considerably during the year chiefly owing to the formation of the Chinese Division. All these schools were re-opened in October for one year to begin with. A marked improvement was noticeable in the attendance and a greater tendency was shown to take lectures in subjects which went together and formed part of a systematic course, rather than as was the case when the classes started, to pick out the subjects at random. The attendance was well maintained and only began to drop off as it invariably does elsewhere towards the end of the Chinese Year. The

SCHOLARSHIPS.—The Government now offers annually not more than 6 free scholarships to Boys Vernacular Grant Schools and 3 to Girls Schools to be held for 4 years at the District Schools in the case of boys and at the Bellios Public School in the case of girls. Free scholarships 5 in all are also offered annually by the Government, one to each of the two top boys at Tanglungshan and Aberdeen Lower Grade Government Schools (at the latter school only one if the average attendance is less than 40 for the year) and one to the top boy of the three New Territory Lower Grade Schools in competition, to be held at the Upper Grade District Schools for 4 years if satisfactory progress is shown in their studies by the scholars. 4 free scholarships to be held at Queen's College for 3 years each are offered annually to candidates selected from the 3 District schools, Saiyingpun, Yauwai, and Wanai. Five free scholarships tenable for 4 years each but only offered as vacancies occur are given to lower class pupils at the Bellios Public School, English Side, to encourage young girls to remain longer at school. The system of scholarships appears to be working well in the Boys Schools where the competition for them is getting very keen, especially so in the case of Queen's College. Girls, however, appreciate the efforts of the Government in this respect very much less than the boys and show a great desire to obtain the scholarships. Even the offer of scholarships for 4 years does not appear to elicit to any appreciable extent the tendency on the part of parents to withdraw their daughters from school as soon as they have obtained a fair vernacular education to

which allusion has already been made in paragraph 40.

HONGKONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.—These classes which started in October 1906 were carried on until the end of May when the first year of instruction came to a close. The attendance which averaged 256 in October 1906 dwindled down to 187 in January chiefly owing to the non-attendance of those who had originally only joined the classes out of curiosity and ceased to attend as soon as they were called upon to settle down to solid work. In March 1906 the average attendance showed a further slight drop to 178 and in May, the last month of the session the average attendance was 162 a very small decrease as compared with the heavy drop in January. An examination was held at the end of the May Session and certificates were granted to those who were successful in the various subjects of study. At the close of the New Year session in May a Committee was appointed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to enquire into the working of the classes and submit proposals for the future. The Committee collected evidence and reported to the Government in August. Its proposals, practically all of which were eventually adopted, were to put the classes under the management of a Director, personally responsible to the Inspector of Schools, and to have an Advisory Committee which was to be consulted if any changes in the subjects and courses of study were contemplated. Subjects which had failed to attract students were given up and on the evidence collected it was deemed advisable to introduce several new ones such as steam and light. The subjects of study were definitely laid down as also the length of the course in each subject. Matters such as the fees chargeable and the remuneration to be paid to lecturers were also dealt with. Under the name of the Hongkong Technical Institute the classes were re-opened in October for one year to begin with. A marked improvement was noticeable in the attendance and a greater tendency was shown to take lectures in subjects which went together and formed part of a systematic course, rather than as was the case when the classes started, to pick out the subjects at random. The attendance was well maintained and only began to drop off as it invariably does elsewhere towards the end of the Chinese Year. The

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SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Wednesday, 15th July, Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, Kobe & Mori	"KUTSANG"	Wednesday, 15th July, Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 17th July, 4 P.M.
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ATYTHIA, British str., 694, B. J. Curtis, 9th July	Bangkok 3rd July, Rice—Order.	
BOURBON, French str., 997, Le Bail, 5th July	Saigon 1st July, Divers—China sea.	
CHEROSHING, Brit str., 1,256, V. McClymont	Liddell, 8th July—Tientsin via Ports 1st July, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
CHILDAS, Norwegian str., 1,102, H. Nielsen, 10th July	Saigon 6th July, General—Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.	
CHINKING, British str., 1,229, F. Robertson, 5th July	Wahu 28th June, General—Butterfield & Swire.	
CHRISTIAN ROSS, Norwegian str., 2,780, Bjarne Hille, 28th June	Moji 7th July, Knichots 20th June, Coal—Walton & Co.	
COVETFIELD, British str., 4,897, John Wiseman, 25th May	Moji 20th May, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
DAGNY, Norwegian str., 883, O. Abrahamsen, 8th July	Daly 30th June, General—Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.	
FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, Melkin, 28th June	Saigon 23rd June, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
FOOCHOW, British str., 1,227, E. French, 9th July	Wahu 4th July, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.	
FOREST DAIR, British str., 2,255, Neall, 6th July	Sourabaya 17th June, Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.	
GILBERT, French str., 778, Donarouin, 7th July	Haiphong and Moihou 6th July, Coal and Mats—Order.	
HANGSANG, British str., 1,386, S. Wilde, 8th July	Chinkiang 3rd July, Rice and Beans—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
HOPKINS, British str., 1,369, Jas. M. Hay, 5th July	Saigon 23rd June, Coal—Jardine & Co.	
HUGHOW, British str., 1,237, E. Forsyth, 10th July	Amoy 8th July, General—Butterfield & Swire.	
JAPAN, British str., 3,898, J. G. Oliffert, 8th July	Yokohama and Moji 4th July, General—David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.	
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KINROSS, British str., 2,993, B. C. Lewis, 30th June	Foochow 28th June, General—Butterfield & Swire.	
KWILIN, British str., 1,026, Hards, 8th July	Yangtze Ports 4th July, General—Butterfield & Swire.	
KWONGSANG, British str., 1,428, W. Palmer, 7th July	Shanghai July 2nd, and Swatow 6th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
LOOKSON, German str., 1,220, W. Taubert, 8th July	Bangkok 30th June, Rice—Norddeutscher Lloyd.	
MANCHURIA, American str., 8,750, J. W. Saunders, 6th July	Sau Francisco and Shanghai 3rd July, Mats and General—Pacific Mail Steamship Co.	
MORTALIS, British str., 1,737, F. W. Batten, 24th June	Fremantle 6th June, Sandalwood—Gilmann & Co.	
ONSANG, British str., 1,787, R. Cox, 14th June	Moji 7th June, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
PETROBURG, German str., 2,190, C. Wolff, 8th July	Bangkok 1st July, Rice, Meal and Wood—Butterfield & Swire.	
PERUANG, British str., 1,085, J. H. Scott, 4th July	Saigon 30th June, General—Chinese.	
POCANTON, British str., 1,740, F. G. Cox, 14th June	Saigon 12th May—Order.	
PROGRESS, German str., 1,841, Stevens, 8th July	Saigon 30th June, General—Stemmes & Co.	
PROTHUR, Nor. str., 1,023, O. Korneliusen, 3rd July	Saigon 4th July, Rice—Asgard, Thoresen & Co.	
PROBUS, Norwegian str., 1,034, C. Møll, 5th July	Bangkok 24th June, Rice—Asgard, Thoresen & Co.	
QUERRA, British str., 2,145, W. McKay, 8th July	Cardiff 20th May, Fuel—Dodwell & Co.	
QUINTA, German str., 987, F. Frahm, 3rd July	Wakamatsu 26th June, Coal—Stemmes & Co.	
RAGNAR, Norwegian str., 1,220, H. G. Nielsen, 7th July	Swatow 8th July, Ballast—Asgard, Thoresen & Co.	
ROMANY, British str., 2,579, Nasbit, 14th June	Kobe 6th June, Ballast—Asiatie Petroleum Co.	
SHANTUNG, German str., 1,000, C. Giesewitz, 8th July	Bangkok 30th June, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.	
SHIRAZ, British str., 2,823, F. Waver, 7th July	Moji 24th June, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.	

TITAN, British str., 5,720, R. Day, 7th July—Tacoma via Ports 10th June, Flour, Lumber and General—Butterfield & Swire.

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TRIUMPH, German str., 769, Bondiken, 9th July—Haiphong July 4th, & Hoahou 8th, Rice—Johannes & Co.

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Moorhen, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut. Comdr. C. O. Walcott, West River.

Nightingale, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. B. S. Ray, R.N., Shanghai.

Otter, torpedo boat destroyer, 355 tons, 6 guns, 6300 h.p., Paid off.

